

**Minnesota Recreation and Park Association
2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes
January 8, 2021
Virtual**

1. Call to Order

President Chris Esser called the 2020 Annual General Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Tom Schmitz and seconded by Nate Rosa. Motion carried with no opposition.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting minutes made by Jerome Krieger, seconded by Lake Johnson. Motion carried with no opposition.

4. Opening Remarks and 2020 Year in Review

President Chris Esser stated it was an honor to serve as Board president. He thanked the Board members for their dedication and their support of the Association this year. He also thanked the MRPA staff for their work throughout the year. The mentorship program's first meeting will be held right after the Annual General Meeting. He encouraged all members to get involved in the Association.

5. Presidential Awards

- a) Ross Demant and Scott Zlotnik for their work on the Annual Conference 2020 committee.
- b) Kori Shingles and Jason T. West for their work on the Race and Equity committee.

6. Recognition of Special Member Contributions

- a) Boe Carlson, American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration Induction
- b) Golden Valley Parks and Recreation, NRPA Innovation in Health Award
- c) Meredith Lawrence, NRPA Young Professional Fellowship
- d) Washington County, National Association of Counties' Parks and Recreation Achievement Award
- e) Dakota County, National Association of Counties' Parks and Recreation Achievement Award

7. Treasurer's Report

Board Treasurer Dale McCamish presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Scott Berggren, seconded by Chuck Stifter. Motion carried with no opposition.

8. Meritorious Service Awards were presented to:

- a) Annual Conference Committee - Nicole Greenwell, Nick Jacobs, Alyssa Pink, and Chelsea Swiggum
- b) Aquatics Network - Katie Yandell
- c) Athletic Management Network - Mathew Wiitala
- d) Awards Committee - Alyssa Fram, Elizabeth Owens, and JJ Williams
- e) Minnesota Children and Nature Connection - Heidi Faris
- f) Programming Section - Meredith Lawrence
- g) Recreational Sports Commission - Scott Heitkamp
- h) Young Professional and Student Network - Rachel Mikel

9. Recognition of 2020 Section, Committee and Network Chairs:

- a) Annual Conference Committee - Ross Demant and Scott Zlotnik
- b) Aquatics Network - Katie Yandell
- c) Athletic Management Network - Mathew Wiitala
- d) Awards Committee - Jared Flewellen and Elizabeth Owens
- e) Legislative Committee - Boe Carlson
- f) Nominations and Elections Committee - Tom Schmitz
- g) Programming Network - Jacob Andersen
- h) Young Professionals and Student Network - Brett Rannow

10. Other Business - None at this time

11. Recognition of Outgoing Board of Directors

Tom Schmitz - Past President

Dale McCamish – Treasurer

Nate Rosa - West Metro Region

12. Election Results 2021

Ross Demant - President-Elect

Ben Boldt – Secretary

Reed Smidt - East Metro Region

Tonya Love - East Metro Region

Marcia Larson - Northwest Region

Nicole Gorman - West Metro Region

Jerome Krieger - Recreational Sports Commission Chair

Dan Lauer - Recreational Sports Commission At-Large Member

Tim Truelson - Recreational Sports Commission Greater Minnesota At-Large Member

13. Induction of New Board Members

Chris Esser inducted the new Board members.

14. Looking Ahead

Chuck Stifter, 2021 Board President, presented his president's platform. He reflected on 2020 and the challenges that brought. This past year has shown members' and MRPA's great resilience. He thanked all the Board members, the MRPA staff and Tom Schmitz for his dedication to the Board for the past three years. He also thanked Chris Esser for his leadership throughout this challenging year. He looks forward to serving as Board president in 2021. He thanked all the MRPA members for attending the Annual General Meeting.

15. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jason T. West, seconded by Tom Schmitz. Motion carried with no opposition.